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**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

Jocelyn G. Boyd, Esquire  
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**Public Service Commission of South Carolina**  
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100  
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Re: Application of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC for Authority to Adjust and Increase Its  
Electric Rates and Charges  
**Docket No. 2013-59-E**

Dear Ms. Boyd:

Enclosed please find a copy of an email the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") received from an interested consumer in the above referenced matter. A review of the protest letters on the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's ("the Commission") website for this docket shows no filing from this consumer. By this letter, ORS is providing it so that it may be added to the consumer comments posted on the Commission's website.

Respectfully submitted,

Courtney Dare Edwards

Enclosure

cc: Gordon E. Howard (via e-mail)  
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By Email Attachment on June 27, 2013

South Carolina Public Service Commission  
Office or Regulatory Staff  
John Flitter, Director

RE: Docket: 2013-59-E> Application of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC for Authority to Adjust and Increase Its Electric Rates and Charges

Submitted by Gordon E. Howard  
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**My Standing:** Currently a Duke Energy residential customer in an all electric house, since 2009.

A beneficial owner of Duke Energy common stock since 2005.

Please make this document part of the official records for Docket 2013-59-E, traveling with those records forward.

I oppose this proposed rate increase for the following reasons:

1. There has been no accountability for the previous two rate increases vis-a-vis their stated needs.
2. There is no guarantee that the increased income from the rate increases will be used for the purposes of capital improvements as opposed to increasing Management's salaries and bonuses or used to increase or sustain dividends to the shareholders, like me.
3. The sudden need for such large rate increase, particularly in light of the two recent rate increases, can not be accounted for solely by sudden changes in economic factors nor regulatory requirements.

The justifications presented are a sign of poor management and planning. Poor management and planning should not be rewarded by either the State of South Carolina or the rate payers.



**From:** [ghoward@aaahawk.com](mailto:ghoward@aaahawk.com) [mailto:[ghoward@aaahawk.com](mailto:ghoward@aaahawk.com)]

**Sent:** Thursday, June 27, 2013 11:15 PM

**To:** Flitter, John

**Subject:** Docket 2013-59-E

Good day Mr. Flitter,

Attached is my comments concerning the rate hikes proposed by Duke Energy in:

**Application of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC for Authority to Adjust and Increase Its Electric Rates and Charges .**

Please make those comments part of the formal record of Docket 2013-59-E to travel forward with all records pertaining thereto.

Thank you.

Gordon E. Howard